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FIG. 1 is a block diagram FIGs. 1(a) and 1(b) are block diagrams showing timed reservation in an AV system, which represents one mode of carrying out the present invention.

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FIG. 6 is a diagram FIGs. 6(a) and 6(b) are diagrams of screen information on the input apparatus in timed reservation processing.

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FIG. 14 is a diagram FIGs. 14(a) and 14(b) are diagrams of a command packet and response packet for communication between AV apparatuses connected by a control bus.

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Since there is only one recording apparatus on the bus in the case of the system in this example (FIG. 1) (FIGs. 1(a) and 1(b)), information on the recording apparatus 110 alone is displayed.